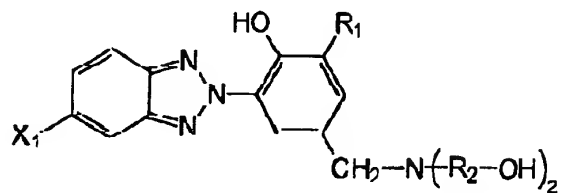


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## ABSTRACT

The invention pertains to a process for the preparation of a novel UV absorbing diol of the general formula:



wherein  $R_1$  is hydrogen, tert-butyl;  $X_1$  is selected the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, tert-butyl and  $C_1$  to  $C_{12}$  alkoxy;  $R_2$  is  $C_1$  to  $C_8$  linear or branched alkyl.